



### THE READERS WRITE:

### NO COMMENT NEEDED HERE

Dear Editors:

The March issue of BLUE BOLT was the first BLUE BOLT I ever read, and believe me, it will be the last. I can't stand reading such trash.

I especially hate "Dick Cole." You can't tell me that this kul is so good. I also hate "Blue Bolts and Nuts," because the jokes are so crazy, I could make up better jokes in my sleep. "Edison Bell" is one of the puniest sissies I ever read about.

Well, I could go on telling the bad things about these stories all year, but I don't want to herr your feelings. If you ever want any information, just write to rate, I know just about everything.

> Signed, Baymond Nelson Milwanker, Wis,

### BLUE BOLT SELLS IN A HURRY

Dear Sires

At our local newsstand, BLI E BOLT is not in for three hours before they are gone. The reason for its popularity is because it is an educational comic rather than a fantastic one, as are most officers.

"Dek Cole," "Sergram Spook," and the Q's and A's are tops, But, how about having more practical diagrams on the "Edison Bell Invention Page."

A Faithful Reader, James Butler Jersey Cdy., N. J.

### HELPFUL HINTS ARE WELCOME

Dear Editors:

I have been reading BLUE BOLT books for a long time. They are my favorite count books, "Dick Cole" is the best in your book, and "Edison Bell" is second. All are good except "Krisen and Jasper," because the laces dri not seem realistic.

I read your February issue and I enjoyed it very much I also think the artist thes a very poor job of making characters' faces. I think they should be improved somewhat, so the reader will injoy your book hefter.

I should mean to criticize your book, because I was trying to give some helps ful hints to improve your book.

Succeedy vours, George Lewis Gross Griffuln He, Ark.

### A LOYAL FAN WRITES

Dears Sirs:

I am 14 years of age, and I still find BLLE BOLT very enjoyable. When I was a small boy, I used to buy one comic book a week. My favorite was then, and still is, BLLE BOLT.

I have had many enjoyable times, answering the questions of Q's and A's, and asking them to classmates at school. I like all of your comic characters, and can't find fanit with any of them. Jost keep the book the way it is and you'll always be on the top of my list of favorites.

A True Reader, Robert Modell Drooklyn, N. Y.

# BLUE BOLT WAS NAMED AFTER

Dear Editors:

I have read many a comic book, but the one that I prefet is BLUE BOLL. My favorite characters are "Dick Cole," "Sergean: Speek," and "Edison Bell." Although I enjoy BLUE BOLT, I have a question that cannot be answered by any of my friends. This question is: Why is this comic called BLUE BOUT? I would like to know the answer to this question that perther me or my friends have been able to answer.

> Yours truly. Beatrice Valera Houston, Tex.

### RICK RICHARDS IS "IN"

Dear Editors:

I have just finished reading your new issue of BLUF ROLT, and I liked it very much. I think substituting "Rick Rubards" for "Fearless Fellers" was a good lilea.

I especially like Edison Bell's inventions, because I always try to make them. You have a swell book on your hands.

> Yours truly, Richard Mrorzeh Chicago, III.

### BLUE BOLT OPENS THE DOOR

Dear Editors

As a devoted reader, I want to tell you I like BLUE BOLT. First, because it has realistic adventures, all except "Krisco and Jasper," and second, because of its fine artwork, Some day, I would like to be on the BLUE BOLT

art staff, and have a comic character of

As a whole, all I have to say is, "Open the thort, Richard, and let RLI E BOLT in."

A Devoted Reader, Alvin Smith Cary, Ind.

### A WELCOME LETTER FROM A TEEN-AGER

Dear Editors.

My brothers have been reading BLLE BOLT since as long as I can remember. They were the list to introduce me to it, and now I'm mighty glad they did. I've read about every come book on the market, and I'll stand by BLLE BOLT every time. There just isn't any comparison!

"We favorite is "Dick Code," because he's so clean-cut, so all-around American, "Rick Richards" is swell, too, and the "Questions and Answers" are tops!

Our whole family has agreed that BLLE BOLT can't be heat Please keep up the good work

I do wish you could find space for a pen-pal list, though, I'd love to hear from fellows and girls around my age noneteen—through your "super" magazine.

> Very sincerely yours, Lorraine Anna Genheig Engelwand, N. J.

P.S.—See, even the older teen-agers like BLUE BOLT

# ANOTHER PLUG FOR RICK RICHARDS

Dear Editors:

I think puring Rick Richards" in a comic strip was a very good idea. He's different from the others, although, I have nothing against the others, but every time. Dick Cole does something, there are always some jealous men in the strip like Bark Hall.

My teacher said you can learn from the written answers on the bottom of the pages.

"Sergeant Spook" is very interesting, but I think Jetry should have a dog with him so the dog could help their out.

> Your Future BLUE BOLT Reader, Louis Trenta Newark, N. J.

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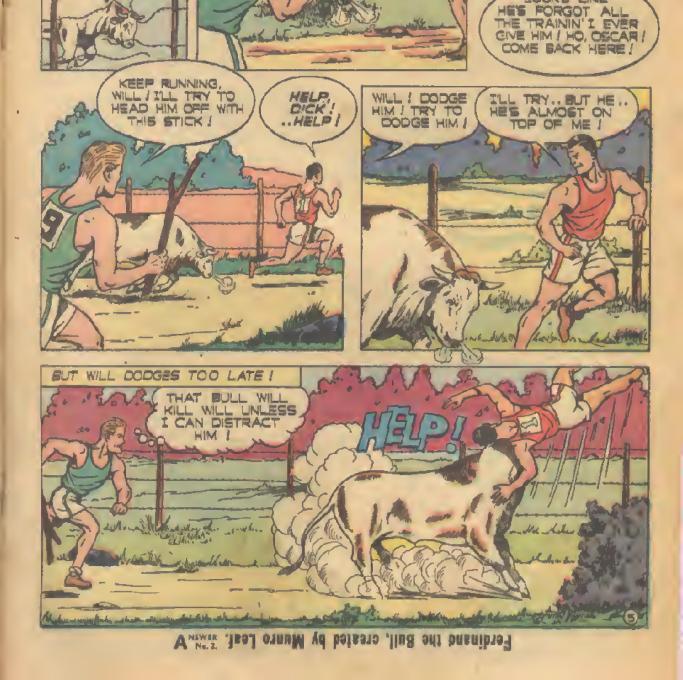
Question Which of the constellations is known familiarly as "The Bull"?



Taurus, in astrology, this sign governs people born between April 21 and May 21. Taurus



Question Of what loyable fictional character does Oscar remind you?



WATCH OUT FOR

WARPATH!

THE BULL BMASHES

BARBED - W NCE AND, MADD LD BY THE PAIN OF THE BARBS RIPPING

HIS HIDE, IS FURTHER ENRAGED AT THE SIGHT OF VELLE'S

CRIMSON SHIRT.

YOU'RE

NOT KIDDIN'!

HEAVE SOME ROCKS AT HIM, COLE ! SAY, BOSS /

WHATE GOT

LOCKS LIKE













Quistion In which opera is the hero a bullfighter: La Traviata, Carmen, Don Giovanni?



In the opere Cermen, Don Jose is a bullighter. Lange buf ni









QUESTION How bigh can a man jump to clear an obstacle like Oscar?

# In 1936, Harold Osborn jumped five feet six inches in a standing high jump, waren





WHAT WERE
THOSE GUYS DOING
HERE? WHAT'S COOKIN',
SIMBA? THERE'S SOME
BURNT TOAST HERE
SOMEWHERE! WELL?

JUST A BULL SESSION, DICK, BUT YOU BETTER CHANGE, MAJOR FARR IS WAITING TO SEE YOU RIGHT NOW. BETTER HURRY, DICK. THE MAJOR SEEMS IN A BAD MOOD, ILL SEE YOU LATER.

OKAY. I'LL STEP ON IT. I WISH I KNEW WHAT'S UP. SOMETHING IS!





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Question What caves, situated in New Mexico, are reputedly the world's largest?

Carlabad Caverna, of which only 32 miles have been explored. Emily





QUESTION Did Tom Swift and Becky Sharp get lost in a cave?



No. Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher purposely lost their way in a cave, 2324. V



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SAY! WE WANNA MAKE PITCHERS TOO! WHAT'S THE DEA?



QUISTION Try to find the operatia by a famous pair of composers on this page.

"Patience" was composed by Sir William S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. L'Patience"





QUESTION What stars received the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Award for 1946?

# Fredric March and Olivia De Havilland won this award for their seveen acting, Time V







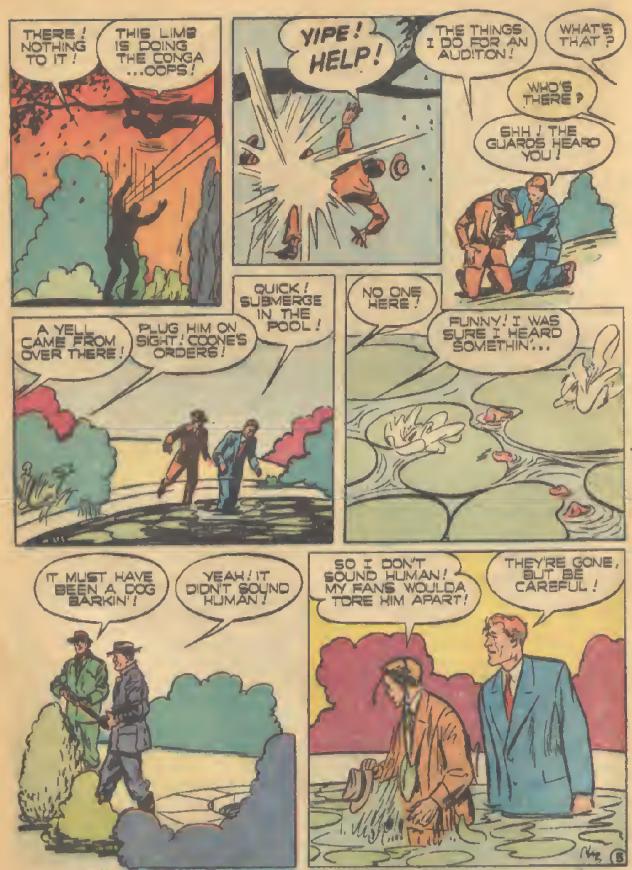


SOON, AT THE POLICE STATION ... THE POLICE OUGHT TO SEE THIS SHOW! WHAT

KIND OF NONSENSE WATCH, CHEF. YOU'LL SEE IS THIS ? TYRUS COONE STOLE VIY CAMERA!

THE CROOKS MUST CAMERA OFF! NOW THEYLL ANALYZ NG

I SEE NOTHING, BUT NOTHING!



Question What kind of pad can neither be walked on, written on, nor sat upon?

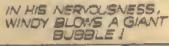


Did you ever ity walking, writing, or sitting on a lily-pad? they













LIKE ANY SUDDEN NOISE, THE CRACKLING POP OF THE BURSTING BUBBLE STIMULATES RICKS ADRENAL GLAND TO A GREAT DEGREE, ENDOWING HIM WITH UNUSUAL STRENGTH!



Quistion In what country are buils treated as sacred animals?



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ER-'N' BABY ELEPHANTS HAVE SUITCASES, HUH?







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Look 'em all over, and see which one suits FOU the best. Very young readers like FRISKY FABLES. Many grownups like the detertive stories in YOUNG KING COLE. But some grownups enjoy FRISKY FABLES too! Which is your favorite?



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DETECTIVE STORIES
-AT YOUR NEWSSTAND



# right from the HORSE'S MOUTH by Mickey Klar Marks.

T shows you how a person or an animal can be misjudged. Now take Flip O'Conner, for instance, the lad from New York who spent his vacation here on the ranch last summer. He misjudged me. My name's Stampede and I'm a horse and a real good horse with sense.

A whole crew of young folks came out from the city, fellows and girls around your age, I should imagine, ready to go western in a big way. Diana, she's my boss's daughter and prettier than a week old filly, was standing near the corral when the bus pulled up in front of the ranch house. She was chewing a piece of grass, and I could see she was madder than a wet hen.

"City dudes," she muttered. "Same kind with new faces, boasting they can outride anyone, messing up the ranch. Gosh, Stampede," she patted my nose just the way I like it, "I wish we didn't run a dude ranch. Look at them." She pointed towards two boys who had just swung off the bus and were looking around.

Now I couldn't tell her that they looked nice, especially one of them. He was kind of tall and had thick brown hair and a nice grin, and you could tell right off he was a right guy. Now the other—well, I don't want to get ahead of my story.

Mr. Peters, the boss, was greeting them. He sighted Diana and strolled towards her, the two boys in tow.

"Diana, meet Flip O'Conner and Jack Adams," he said, and then he walked off,

"Hi," the feller named Jack said.

"Hello, Jack and Flip." She smiled, especially at the latter.

"How do you do," Flip said. I knew that boy looked nice right off. Manners are important.

"Nice piece of horseflesh," Jack said as he eyed

I shuddered. If there's anything I can't stand it's being referred to as horseflesh. As if someone were looking at a piece of beef in a butcher shop.

"Can't wait to get into my riding clothes and go for a real run," Jack said to Diana. "I ride a lot home."

"You ride well?" Diana asked.

"Well," the boy blushed, with false modesty, (even I could see that,) "haven't had a horse too tough for me yet."

I made up my mind to change that at the first opportunity and then realized, of course, it was out of my hands. I was Diana's horse and no one else was allowed to ride me. Excuse me while I laugh, but they can't ride me for two reasons. One, because Diana wouldn't let them, and two, because I wouldn't either.

"Do you ride much?"

Diana turned to Flip.

"I try. I'm just a beginner but I intend to change that out here if I can. I've always loved borses." His eyes strayed around the corral and you could see he meant what he said.

"Those things come naturally," Jack boasted. "Take me—I've a natural seat."

Mr. Peters came over just then and said, "By the way, we're having a welcome dance tonight and you'd better make your dates early." "Diana, would you..."

By George, don't you think both those fellows didn't start asking Diana for the dance pronto.

"Line forms to your right," Diana laughed.

"Cut a rug with me." Jack high-pressured.

"How about tossing a coin?" Flip suggested.

"I asked her first!"

"No, you didn't," Diana corrected. "You both asked together. Now let me see."

I knew she didn't have to think. I could see right off, Flip was the one she wanted to date. But she was hostess and had to play fair. "I'll tell you what. I'll pick a horse, and the one who rides him around the corral twice gets to take me to the dance."

Now there's something about mutual understanding. I knew I was going to be that horse and I knew Diana knew I'd know what to do.

Jack laughed victoriously. After all, he was supposed to be the expert rider. "That let's you out, brother," he said to Flip. "Better luck next time."

Flip looked down at the mouth. "When do we ride and who?"

"After lunch," Diana said, "and you'll ride Stampede."

"Which mule is that?" Jack said, and I chalked another black mark against him.

I knew Diana was getting ready to point me out, so I went into my act. Let me tell you, there's nothing about bucking, arching, biting and rolling I don't know. When I looked up I could see that Jack had lost a good deal of his confidence, but Flip, although he looked scared, was still game.

"Th-that horse?" Jack stuttered.

"Best horse on the place,"
Diana said. "Why worry,
Jack? You're a good rider."
"Yeah, sure," he gulped.

Diana started off with Jack beside her. Flip waited by the fence, looking at me.

"You're sure a honey, Stampede," he said. "Wish I could ride you. Maybe I ought to put glue on my pants." He laughed ruefully. "But then Diana wants to go with Jack anywayhe's hep, otherwise she would have chosen a milder animal for us to ride."

What could I say? I wanted to reassure him, but of course none of you people understand horse talk.

Later, Diana, Jack, and Flip came down to the corral.

Diana came in first with the saddle, murmuring, "Easy boy, easy boy." I acted pettish. I snorted and tossed my head and pranced around a little for effect, but I let her saddle me easy enough. Then she told Jack to come in.

Jack came. I could see he was green and his smile was sickly. Boy, I fixed that bag of wind when he tried to mount me. Every time he put his foot in the stirrup, I skittered away. He was jittery as a jitterbug when finally I permitted him on my back.

Then what do you think he says to me? "Giddap!" To me, a thoroughbred. I giddapped all right. I took him around that ring just once, faster than greased lightning and doing a special rhumba of my own. Then I twisted, and tossed him as neatly as a chef tosses a green salad. The "plunk" as he landed on the hard ground echoed against the hills.

Diana was ready to burst but she didn't dare show it.

"I thought you said you could ride?" she said as she ran to help him to his feet.

"That horse isn't even

broken yet," he shouted angrily.

"He happens to be perfectly trained," Diana replied coldly. "I'm afraid you'll need some lessons while you're here. Come on, Flip, you're next."

Flip was the gamest kid I ever saw. I knew he thought he was going to be dumped, but he walked up to me as calm as you please and put his foot in one stirrup, but I stood stock-still, and he couldn't have been more surprised when he found himself on my back.

"Thanks, pal," he said.
"All I ask, boy, is—toss me easy."

He pulled on my reins gently and, like the well-mannered horse I am (when not provoked), I trotted easily round that corral like a wooden horse on a merry-go-round,

Diana winked at me, looked up at Flip and said, "Well, I'm your date."

"Hey, you were holding out!" Jack shouted to Flip, as he stood near the fence. "You knew how to ride all the time."

"Not any better than you," Diana said.

"Well, maybe I did kind of boast," Jack admitted,

Well, that was a year ago. Flip really did think I was wild at first but then he learned better. He's coming back again this year and Diana is looking forward to seeing him. They've been writing to one another all year and, who knows, maybe in a couple of years—but that would be another story.

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QUESTION Who exercised an hypnotic influence on the Czarina of Russia?

















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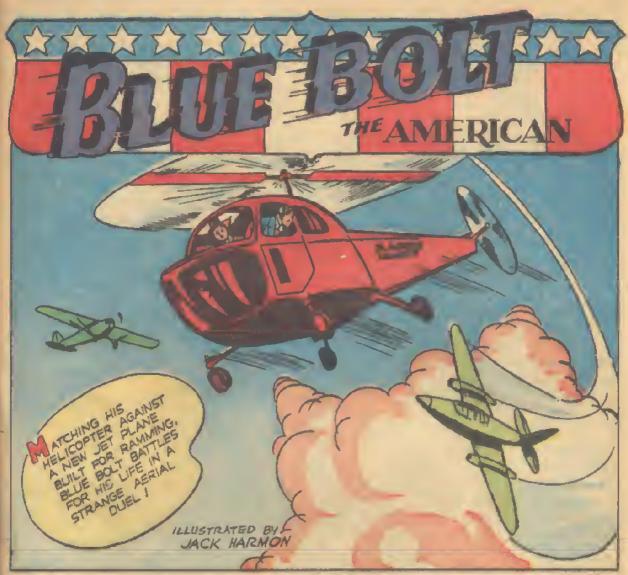
















BLUE BOLT









YOU SEE, I'M ED KENT,
FLYING INSTRUCTOR
HERE. BUT FIVE YEARS
AGO, I RAN A BIG
FLYING SCHOOL BACK
EAST. ONE OF MY
PILOTS WAS HY SEELEN
... A REAL WILD MAN!



I FIRED HIM FOR RECKLESSNESS. THE NEXT DAY HE WAS GONE WITH ALL THE SCHOOL FUNDS! I WAS WIPED OUT!



WHEW!

FINALLY

MET THE

MR. SEELEN

AGAIN?

AND YOU

YEAH! THIS TIME HE
TRIED TO TAKE MY JAW
WITH HIM! SOMEHOW THAT
CROOK HAS BEEN ASSIGNED
TO TEST THE NEW JET
RAMMER PLANE!

Question Is the theft of funds or possessions arson, larceny, or perjury?





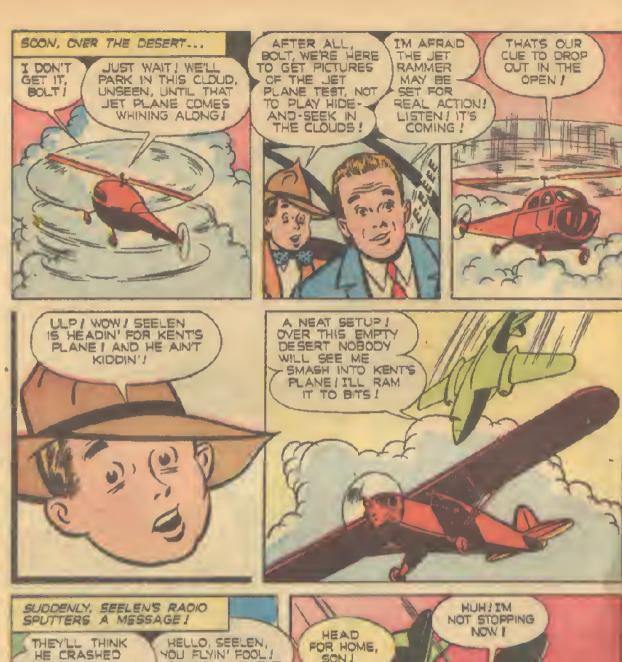








It is larceny, similary









ONLY ONE CHANCE! WE'VE
GOT TO PLAY LEAPPROG ...
AND IF WE DON'T HOP AT
EXACTLY THE RIGHT MOMENT
...WHACK!





BLUE BOLT WAITS...WAITS...THEN SUDDENLY HOPS HIS PLANE STRAIGHT UP!





"Not" and "now" spelled in reverse rhyme as "ton" and "won," Trung "











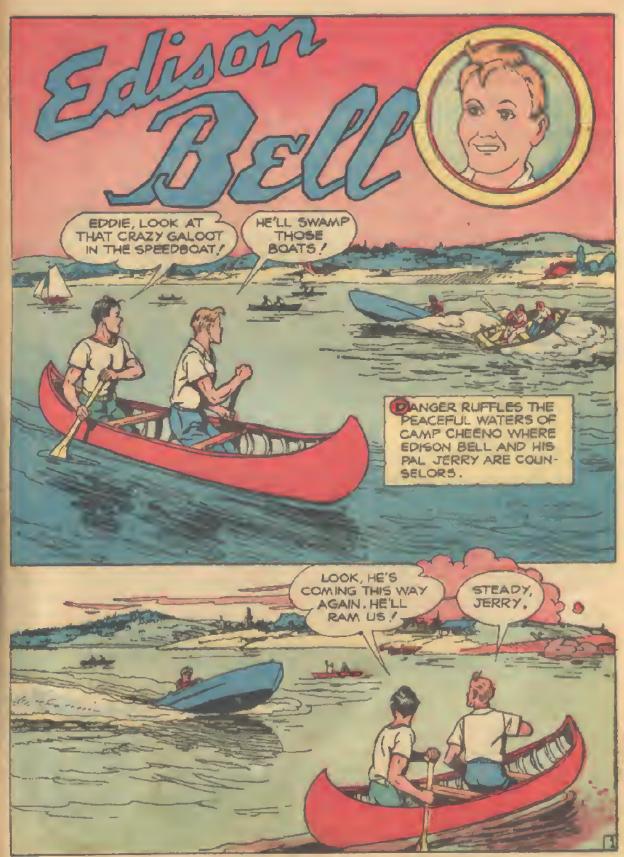


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# BLUEBOLTS and NUTS







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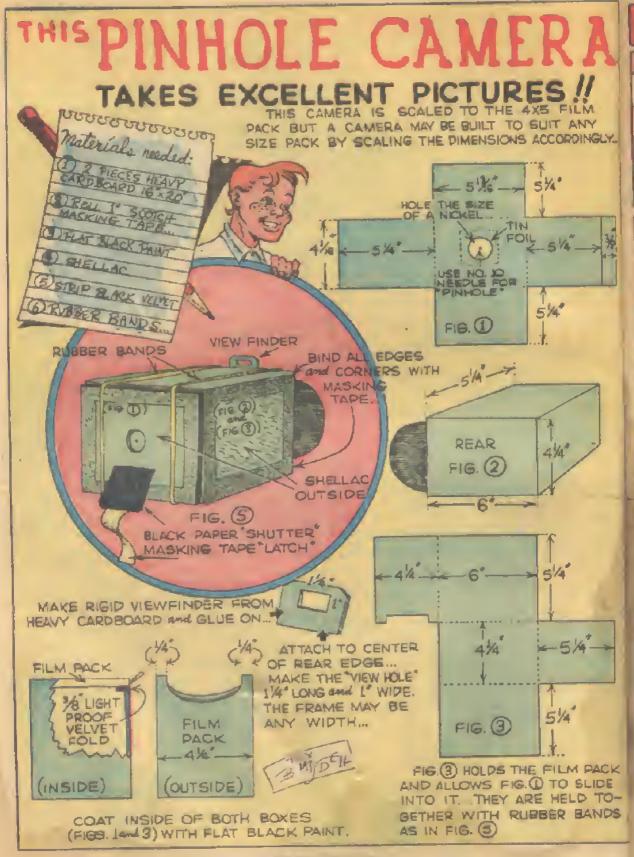


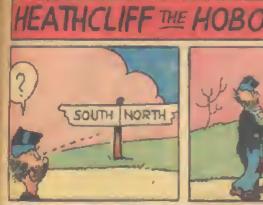
The annual race is rowed on the Thames, In 1946, the Oxford crew was victorious, Tanky



Question What famous leader was inspired by voices to save France?





























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